

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

APPLICANT : VIRGIL ATKINS  
SERIAL NO : UNASSIGNED ART UNIT: UNASSIGNED  
FILED : HEREWITH EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED  
FOR : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARPET REPAIR

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE

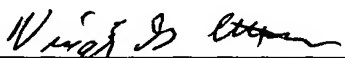
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because of the applicant's age. Specifically, I am more than sixty-five years old, having been born on April 21, 1933.

This petition is submitted without any fee as permitted by 37 C.F.R. 1.102(c).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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